श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय श्रीमन्, मेरा भी एक सवाल था. . .

उपसभापति सब लोगों में अच्छी यूनैनिमिटी रही है, अच्छा वातावरण रहा है, मिनिस्टर साहिबा ने रिप्लाई दे दिया है जिसमें कोई डिफरेंस आफ ओपीनियन नहीं है। आप क्यों उसको फिर बार-बार उठा रहे हैं? मिनिस्टर साहिबा का रिप्लाई हो गया, इसके बाद कोई सवाल नहीं हो सकता। अब स्टेमेंट होगा. . . (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Miniser of State for Agriculture will now make a statement.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Current Drought and Flood Situation in the country and the Relief Measures undertaken by the Government

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Madam,

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Madam, on a point of order.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Madam, on a point of order.

Madam, tomorrow there will be a short duration discussion on drought and flood situation in the country. Today we are having a discussion on Sri Lanka. It is only five minutes now when the discussion on Sri Lanka has to start. If this statement also is made tomorrow, that would be better. That is what I would say. *(Interruptions.)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The statement will be made today but the discussion will take place tomorrow.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madam, I take objection. Madam, I take objection to the manner in which this statement has been brought about. It was decided in the last Business Advisory Committee meeting that a discussion by way of a Calling Attention on the drought and flood situation is listed and will take place on Thursday. If that is listed for tomorrow and, as the Chair has announced earlier this morning, an important short duration discussion on Sri Lanka is to commence at 3O' clock, I see no reason whatsoever why the Government should choose now, at five minutes to three, to come forward *suo motu* with a statement on the drought and flood situation in the country which we are anyway debating tomorrow. That is number one. Secondly, Madam, I take strong objection to your suggestion from the Chair that he should make the statement today, and we shall forego the right to ask him clarifications and we will discuss it tomorrow. No. We do not accept that.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M JACOB): Madam,.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs please do me the courtesy of listening to me?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him complete.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Madam, when I raised the same question, you did not say anything. Now you are giving judgment on Mr. Jaswant Singh's point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am just listening. I have not given any judgment. It will not go on record.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:*

*Not recorded.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What are you talking? I have not allowed you. I gave you first precedence to raise the point of order What objection you have on that? It is not correct. You please sit down.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Again you are raising something which is not going to be on the record.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have *not allowed it to go on record.*

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madam, Deputy Chairman, I was interrupted by this domestic fracas just when I was attempting to put this It is domestic in the sense that both are from Maharashtra.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is a problem in the House.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I will request the Hon Member to withdraw the words. It is between the Chair and the Member.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. This is what is happening in the House.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I said domestic since both of you are from Maharashtra *(Interruptions)*. The other day we had this precise point under discussion when the hon. Prime Minister was to make a statement on Sri Lanka. It was put across to us by the Secretary-General very eloquently and very forcefully that we should not ask clarifications because on a subsequent day a discussion is to take place on Sri Lanka. The precedent in Rajya Sabha is that we will ask clarifications, if the Treasury Benches choose to make a statement. I, therefore, appeal to you as the repository of our privileges, to permit us to ask clarifications or to ask the Treasury Benches to make the statement tomorrow.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Just one point. Normally it is also the right of the Rajya Sabha to hear a statement that is made in the Lok Sabha, on the same day, that is why it is being made in the Rajya Sabha today. So, Members have a right to hear a statement that is made in the Lok Sabha

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: It reflects on the total working of this Government. If you were to come forward with an important statement ...

3.00 P.M.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let there not be any counter arguments, please. Let there be no counter arguments.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: But we do not forego our right to ask questions I am submitting my name officially

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal) May I make a suggestion? Let the Minister lay the statement on the Table of the House, instead of reading it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think we can accept this suggestion. Let him lay the statement on the Table of the House.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: I lay on the Table of the House a statement on the current drought and flood situation and the steps taken by the Government for rendering relief to the affected population.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION ON THE SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next item is Short Duration Discussion.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* SHRI V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Madam, we are going to discuss an

*Not recorded.